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TO SUPPORT FOUR-POST RACK MOUNTED EQUIPMENT

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5-117RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed April 22, 2003, applicant elects the invention of Group I (claims 1-59 and 67-72) drawn to a modified two-post rack. The election is made without traverse.

In accordance with the requirement to elect a single disclosed species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable, applicant elects Species 1 shown in Figure 1. In the elected group, claims 1-12, 15-18, 20-40, 42-59, and 67-72 are readable on the elected species. It is noted, however, that the species shown in Figure 1 does not necessarily show all of the limitations present in the noted claims; rather, the noted claims do not include limitations that are inconsistent with the species shown in Figure 1.

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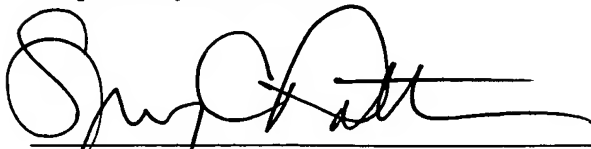
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